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PUBLIC INVITED TO CENTER CITY VISION MEETING

What is our vision for Norman's Center City in twenty years? How do we make that vision a reality? Those questions will be the focus of the Center City Vision project kick-off meeting on Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 235 W Duffy. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The Center City Vision project is jointly sponsored by the City of Norman and the University of Oklahoma. Norman Mayor Cindy Rosenthal observes "the Center City Vision Project is a way for us to connect the dots between our hopes for the future of Norman, good planning, and market demand. Vision can come from many places, but smart communities realize that engaging the public in the city-making process leads to better answers and a deeper public ownership of our future."

The March 26 meeting will be facilitated by Bill Lennertz, Executive Director of the Portland, OR-based National Charrette Institute (NCI). NCI was selected as the lead consultant for Norman's Center City Vision project. Other project team members include staff from the firms Opticos and Ferrell Madden.

The Center City Vision project area includes Downtown's West Main Street and Campus Corner as well as residential neighborhoods in between, many of which are experiencing rapid change. Project boundaries are roughly Gray Street on the North, Boyd Street on the south, the BNSF tracks on the east and Flood Street on the west.

Rosenthal added "the purpose of the meeting is to describe this important planning project to the public and to gather different viewpoints from community members regarding what is important about the future of Norman's Center City."

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